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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 10402

ALSO FOR USEEC AND USOECD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS EEWT, ECON, EAID, XH

SUBJECT: INCREASING CEMA COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT IN GLOBAL  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 289920

1. AS A MATTER OF BROAD 9ALBEIT RELATIVELY RECENT POLICY,  
THE GOS WOULD PROBABLY FAVOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GREATER  
INVOLVEMENT BY THE CEMA COUNTRIES IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS  
TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FOR ONE THING, SUCH INCREASED  
INVOLVEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO HARMONIZE WITH SPAIN'S OWN  
EFFORTS TO INCREASE BILATERAL TRADE AND GENERAL ECONOMIC  
TIES WITH THOSE COUNTRIES FOLLOWING THE RESUMPTION OF  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS A YEAR OR SO AGO. SPAIN WOULD ALSO  
LIKELY CONSIDER THAT LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO WORLD ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS ARE NEITHER LIKELY NOR VIABLE WITHOUT THE  
PARTICIPATION AND AGREEMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION (AND TO  
A LESSER DEGREE ITS PARTNERS).

2. THE SPANISH OUTLOOK IS COLORED BY THE FACT THAT IT IS  
NOT ITSELF VERY ACTIVE IN THE CONSIDERATION AND TREATMENT  
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OF GLOBAL ISSUES. IT MAY NOT FULLY APPRECIATE HOW SCANT  
THE CURRENT CEMA INVOLVEMENT IS, AND MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE A  
MORE HOPEFUL VIEW THAN OUR OWN OF THE BENEFICIAL IMPACT  
OF GREATER CEMA INVOLVEMENT. IN GENERAL, THE GOS WOULD  
PROBABLY TAKE A SIMILAR APPROACH TO OUR OWN, BUT IN  
ADDITION TO THE DIFFERENCES ALREADY NOTED, WOULD VERY  
LIKELY DIFFER FROM US IN ONE OR ANOTHER CASE OF DETERMINING  
WHICH ISSUES OR GROUPS SHOULD BE THE OBJECT OF GREATER  
ATTENTION BY A CEMA COUNTRY.

3. SPAIN DOES NOT PROFESS TO BE "NEUTRAL" IN EITHER AN  
ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL SENSE, AND IN FACT CONSISTENTLY RE-  
ITERATES ITS WESTERN IDENTITY. THERE IS NEVERTHELESS A  
PERSISTENT TENDENCY WITHIN SPAIN TO BELIEVE THAT IT CAN  
PLAY A POSITIVE MIDDLE-MAN ROLE IN THE EAST-WEST DIALOGUE  
(AS IT DID TO A DEGREE IN CSCE), AND ALSO TO SEE ITSELF  
AS OCCUPYING A MIDDLE GROUND ON THE NORTH-SOUTH AXIS. A  
PROBLEM IS THAT THE POSITIONS IT TAKES ARE NOT ALWAYS  
HELPFUL TO US. NEVERTHELESS, THERE MIGHT BE OCCASIONS ON  
WHICH IT COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE. THUS EACH SITUATION  
WOULD HAVE TO BE JUDGED SEPARATELY. STABLER

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